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DoDDS-K School Year 2009-2010 – Space Available

1. As Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Korea (DoDDS-K) plans for School Year 2009-2010, I want to ensure everyone understands the limited enrollment opportunities for space available students. Space available includes Category 3 Space Available, tuition free: Non-command dependents of U.S. military and Category 4 Space Available, tuition paying: Dependents of private U.S. citizens (including retired U.S. military) and citizens of foreign countries. With the increase in command sponsored military family enrollment, the number of available Category 3 and 4 slots may be limited. This early notice will allow you to apply for command sponsorship, make alternate plans for enrollment at other schools, or allow you time to plan the return of your dependents to CONUS or your country of origin. I strongly encourage Service members who are affected by this to consider applying for command sponsorship. This will guarantee your child's enrollment in the next school year. For information on applying for command sponsorship, contact your chain of command.

2. DoDDS-K is placing all space available students on a waiting list for SY 09-10. DoDDS-K has an equitable system in place and will be making determinations for enrollment in three phases listed below:

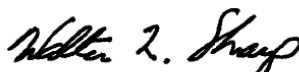
a. On Monday, August 24, through Thursday, August 27, students on the waiting list will be enrolled in grades where space is available. This will be determined by the capacity of each grade level. A few spaces will be maintained for the late enrollment of command sponsored U.S. military/DoD civilian employee and federally connected students. When notified, students need to report within five (5) working days or move to the bottom of the list.

b. On Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18, the next group of students will be admitted. At this point DoDDS-K will enroll students up to the capacity of each grade - level.

c. After September 30, students will be admitted from the waiting list, as space becomes available. DoDDS-K will maintain a few spaces from this date to accommodate incoming command sponsored military students.

3. We realize the uncertainty of not knowing if your space available student will be enrolled is disconcerting. However, we believe it is preferable to be very clear now than to disappoint you next fall. DoDDS-K will do all that is possible to accommodate as many students as they can. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

4. Please do not hesitate to call the Superintendent's Office at 738-5922 or email koreasupt_dso@pac.dodea.edu, if you have any questions.


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